

Request For Proposals

Occupational Health Capacity Building

The Developing World Outreach Initiative (DWOI) is seeking international partners for projects to promote and advance occupational hygiene in economically developing countries. This Request for Proposals invites non-governmental organizations (NGOs), universities, and/or national institutes of health in such countries to respond. The submitter(s) of the best proposal(s) will be awarded a small monetary grant, technical advice, and an offer of partnership to develop funding proposals to U.S.-based funding sources for the proposed project.

Who we are:

DWOI was formed to help foster additional resources for industrial hygiene programs for workers and workplace health and safety professionals in developing countries. The Northern California Section of the [American Industrial Hygiene Association \(AIHA-NCS\)](http://www.aiha-ncs.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=20) launched this initiative starting in March 2006. The all volunteer group has worked successfully to connect the technical resources within AIHA-NCS and the larger industrial hygiene community in the U.S. with those who need occupational hygiene assistance in the developing world. For additional information see: <http://www.aiha-ncs.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=20>

What we are offering:

For the best proposal(s) DWOI will provide a grant of up to US \$2,000. In addition, DWOI will provide the grant winner with additional services including:

- Ongoing technical advice during the project period; and
- Assistance in preparing detailed proposal(s) for additional funding to other funding sources (if applicable).

The number of grants awarded will depend on the quality of the proposals received and availability of funding.

Proposal evaluation criteria:

Eligible proposals can have an investigative, advocacy, training, technical assistance, or educational focus. Criteria for judging applications will include a stand-alone project providing consistency with the goals of DWOI, potential for public health improvement, demonstrated ability of the applicant to achieve results, and feasibility and practicality of the proposal. Applicants must demonstrate a need for technical assistance or collaboration beyond just funding. Criteria include:

- Eligibility of the organization;
- Achieving primary prevention of work-related disease and illness;
- Development and promotion of the occupational hygiene profession; and
- Addressing a known or potential worker health issue concerning an occupational exposure.

Note: Requests for general operational funding, travel (other than that directly related to local project execution), or capital improvements will not be considered.

Who may apply:

NGOs, universities and/or national institutes from economically developing countries.

What we need from you, the applicant:

Proposals shall be brief (not more than 2 pages) and written in English. Submit by email attachment, include a cover letter (optional) and all text in a single MS Word or Adobe Acrobat file. Proposals should contain the following:

1. Descriptive title of the proposal.
2. Proposal and project description (not to exceed 1000 words)
3. Time-frame of when the project would take place (Assume January 1, 2013 start date).
4. What is needed to make the project viable and successful (e.g., funding and/or expertise). Please include other sources of proposal support (including what funding has already been obtained, is currently requested, if any) and what type of technical assistance you would seek from DWOI.
5. The name and contact information (including email address) for the organization submitting the proposal and a single contact person, number of staff and volunteers, annual budget, the background of the organization, including a description of any relevant educational background, previous work on occupational hygiene and/or occupational health issues, and names and titles of the principal people who would be involved if the project were to proceed. Further information on the applicant, including curricula vitae (CVs) for one or two key individuals, must be included with the proposal as an addendum.

DWOI may request additional information, or seek clarification, from a small number of finalists before reaching any funding decisions.

When and where proposals should be received:

The final date for receipt of proposals is November 25, 2012. Proposals must be sent in a combined single file in pdf or MS word format with the name or abbreviation of the submitting organization in the title. Submit proposals via email to: dwoirfp@gmail.com